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TAGS: CI, PINT, SOCI

SUBJECT: REVEREND SAMUEL ARAYA

PASS TO DIRGEN DAVIS

REF: SANTIAGO 2234

1. SUMMARY. INDICATIONS ARE FAVORABLE THAT ARAYA WILL BE RELEASED IN NEAR FUTURE TO TRAVEL TO U.S. SPECIAL ACTION REQUESTED FOR ADMISSION OF REV. ARAYA. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFF SPOKE MORNING APRIL 29 WITH SAME GOC FONMINISTRY OFFICIAL WITH WHOM ARAYA CASE DISCUSSED APRIL 25, AS WELL AS PROTESTANT MINISTER SAMUEL NALEGACH AND METHODIST BISHOP JUAN VASQUEZ. ALL AGREED THAT THE CASE WELL ON WAY TO FAVORABLE RESOLUTION.

3. FONMINISTRY OFFICIAL REPORTED THAT FONMIN HUERTA ACTIVELY INVOLVED AND THAT HE WORKING CLOSELY WITH MININT BONILLA.

4. METHODIST BISHOP JUAN VASQUEZ REPORTED TO EMBOFF ON APRIL 26 MEETING OF PROTESTANT LEADERS WITH MININT BONILLA. VASQUEZ STATED THAT BONILLA HAD ASSURED CHURCHMEN THAT ARRESTS OF TWO MINISTERS PLUS 2 OTHER INDIVIDUALS AT PROTESTANT THEOLOGICAL COMMUNITY
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GOC ATTACK ON PROTESTANT CHURCH GROUPS. BONILLA EXPLAINED, HOWEVER, THAT INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED, PARTICULARLY REVEREND JOEL GAJARDO, HAD COME UNDER GOVT SUSPICION FOR SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES WHICH BONILLA RELATED BUT WHICH VASQUEZ NOT WILLING TO REPEAT.

5. FURTHER DETAILS OF BONILLA CONVERSATION PROVIDED EMBOFF BY REVEREND NALEGACH WHO STATED THAT MININT HAD TOLD CHURCH LEADERS THAT CHARGES AGAINST TWO MINISTERS WERE ILLEGALLY AIDING PEOPLE TO LEAVE COUNTRY AND INVOLVEMENT IN ARMS DEALINGS. NALEGACH, WHO IS BOTH POLITICALLY AND RELIGIOUSLY QUITE CONSERVATIVE, STATED THAT FIRST CHARGE TRUE AND THAT SECOND RELATES ONLY TO GAJARDO WHO WAS PROBABLY ACTING IN EFFORT TO HELP PEOPLE GET RID OF INCRIMINATING WEAPONS. NALEGACH STATED THAT GAJARDO, WHO IS VICE PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE FOR PEACE WITH HEADQUARTERS IN PRAGUE, WAS IDEOLOGICALLY COMMITTED TO UP GOVT. HE STATED THAT ARAYA, WHILE A LEFTIST, WAS BASICALLY A "GOOD PASTOR" TRYING TO HELP HIS FLOCK. NALEGACH ALSO HAD NEGATIVE WORDS FOR MRS. ARAYA WHOM HE ACCUSED OF BEING POLITICALLY MOTIVATED.

5. NALEGACH STATED THAT THE SECRETARY AND HER BOYFRIEND WHO ARRESTED ALONG WITH TWO MINISTERS ON APRIL 19 WERE RELEASED MORNING APRIL 29. HE EXPECTS THAT PURSUANT TO AGREEMENT WORKED OUT BY MINISTRIES OF INTERIOR AND FOREIGN RELATIONS, GAJARDO AND ARAYA WILL BE RELEASED FROM PRISON SHORTLY, PERHAPS TODAY, THAT GAJARDO WILL BE EXPELLED FROM COUNTRY AND THAT ARAYA WILL VOLUNTARILY LEAVE TO TAKE UP OFFERED MINISTERIAL POSITION IN THE U.S.

6. EMBASSY WILL REPORT DETAILS OF RELEASE, IF AND WHEN IT COMES ABOUT, ASAP. ARAYA HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST PRIOR TO HIS ARREST IN GOING TO U.S. AS LEGAL RESIDENT ALIEN BASED UPON OCCUPATION AS MINISTER. DOUBTFUL THAT IF RELEASED HE WILL HAVE TIME TO ASSEMBLE ALL DOCUMENTATION NECESSARY (ORDINATION CERTIFICATE, HEALTH EXAM, ETC.) IN SANTIAGO FOR SUCH A VISA. AS POST HAS RECEIVED NO FORMAL JOB OFFER FROM US CHURCH FOR ARAYA, WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S CONTACTING CHURCH WHICH WISHES TO EMPLOY HIM AND ARRANGING WITH INS IMMEDIATE TELEGRAPHIC APPROVAL OF H PETITIION OR WHATEVER OTHER DOCUMENTATION DEEMED APPROPRIATE AND NECESSARY FOR HIM TO ENTER U.S. AS NON-CONFIDENTIAL

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